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High Meadow Fire Update

St. George, Utah —Fire staffs continue today to manage the High Meadow Fire located approximately 55 mile southeast of St. George, Utah near Mt. Trumbull and Potato Valley on the BLM Arizona Strip. The lightning-caused High Meadow Fire started July 14, 2015. The fire is 1,240 acres in size and is in the Grand Canyon-Parashant National Monument portion of the BLM Arizona Strip.

The High Meadow wildfire is being managed to achieve both protection and natural resource objectives.

“We did get some rain on the fire yesterday afternoon so the fire activity is minimal today,” said High Meadow Fire Incident Command Trainee, Chet Hatch from the Incident Command Post at Mt. Trumbull. “There was enough rain that while the fire is not out, it’s definitely moderated,” Hatch said.

Crews are continuing mop up of the north containment line today. In addition, the weather outlook for today will likely assist crews further. “There’s a chance of rain again today, which will help keep fire behavior moderated,” said Hatch adding that containment of the fire is approximately 15 percent.

Ground crews and aviation are working to minimize impacts to private property (Potato Valley) to the North. The fire is being managed by a Color Country Type 3 Incident Command (IC) Team.

There are four BLM roads closed to public traffic around the fire area including BLM 1768, 1775, 1802, 1803, and 1804. While the Mohave County Rd 5 remains open, the public is urged to use caution due to fire vehicle traffic, personnel and equipment activity, and occasional smoke.

Resources on the fire include 1 Type 1 hot show crew, 3 Type 2 initial attack crews, 1 wildland fire module, 2 Type 3 helicopters, 2 engines, 3 water tenders, and miscellaneous overhead.

For more information on the High Meadow Fire or other fires in Arizona or throughout the United States go to www.inciweb.nwcg.gov

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